

REMARKS

I. Interview Summary

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. The Examiner is thanked for granting an interview with the Applicant's representative on February 14, 2006. The rejection of claims 13 and similar claims 40 and 42 and the amendments distinguishing the prior art were discussed. In addition, the prior art used in the rejection of claims 20 and similar claims 24, 28, 52, and 57 was discussed.

By the foregoing, claims 20, 24, 28, 49, 52, 53, and 57 have been amended; claims 11-12, 22, and 51 are canceled; claims 1-10, 30-39, and 59-73 are withdrawn; and claims 74-82 are added. The Applicant submits that the amendments made herein are fully supported in the specification, claims and the drawings, as originally filed, and therefore no new matter has been introduced. Claims 13-21, 23-29, 40-50, 52-58, and 74-82 are subject to examination and pending in the present application.

II. Claims 13-19, 40-50, 52, 54-58 and 74-75

Claims 13-19, 40-50, 52 and 54-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,449,330 issued to Lucas et al. ("Lucas") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,146,552 issued to Cassorla et al. ("Cassorla") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,467,102 issued to Kuno et al. ("Kuno"). To the extent that this rejection applies to the claims, as amended, the Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as follows.

As suggested by the Examiner, claim 13 has been amended to recite in part a plurality of hardware screens, each capable of being connected and disconnected. In contrast, the cited references teach at most two *fixed* electronic displays. There is no disclosure or suggestion in Lucas, Cassorla or Kuno of at least the combination of a method for displaying at least one selected page of an electronic book displayed on a viewer having a plurality of hardware screens, each capable of being connected and disconnected comprising formatting the selected page for display on the screens of the viewer.

Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 13 is allowable over the cited prior art for at least this reason. As amended claim 13 is allowable, claims 14-19 and 74-75, which depend from allowable claim 13, are likewise allowable.

For similar reasons to those discussed with regard to claim 13, the Applicant submits that claims 40 and 42 are allowable over the cited art. As amended claims 40 and 42 are allowable, the Applicant submits that claims 41 and 43-48, each of which depends from one of allowable claims 40 or 42, are likewise allowable.

II. Claims 20-21, 23-29, 53, and 76-82

Claims 20-21, 23, and 25-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lucas in view of Cassorla. Claims 24 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lucas in view of Cassorla and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,625,833 to Levine et al.

("Levine"). To the extent that these rejections apply to the claims, as amended, the Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as follows.

Further to the Examiner's suggestion, claim 20 has been amended to recite, in part, "simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an electronic book and content from a separate information source . . . as an inset image within the displayed portion of the electronic book". Lucas does not disclose or suggest at least this combination of features and Cassorla does not cure the deficiency in Lucas.

Therefore, the Applicant submits that claim 20, as amended, is allowable over the cited art. As claim 20 is allowable, the Applicant submits that claims 21, 23- 29, and 76-79, which depend from claim 20, are likewise allowable.

For similar reasons to those discussed with respect to claim 20, the Applicant submits that amended claims 24, 28, and 53 are allowable over the cited art. As amended claims 24, 28, and 53 are allowable, the Applicant submits that claims 25-27, 29, and 80-82, each of which depends from one of allowable claims 24, 28, or 53 are likewise allowable

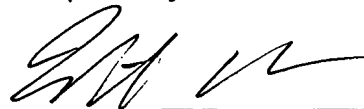
CONCLUSION

For all of the reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that each of claims 13-21, 23-29, 40-50, 52-58, and 74-82 recite subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested in the applied art of record. The Applicant also submits that the subject matter is more than sufficient to render the claims non-obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, and therefore respectfully requests that claims 13-21, 23-29, 40-50, 52-58, and 74-82 be found allowable and that this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing Attorney Docket No. 026880-00020.

Respectfully submitted,



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